

REMARKS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 4-7 and 9-11. The amendment proposed in this Response simply cancels the rejected claims (1-3 and 8) and places allowable claim 9 in independent form. No new matter has been added. Entry and allowance are requested.

Since Applicant has presented a novel, unique and non-obvious invention, and since this amendment places the case in condition for allowance, reconsideration and early allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claim 1, 2, 3, and 8 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) [The method of claim 8, further comprising,]

A method for combining incoming digitized voice packets into longer frames, comprising:

receiving incoming voice and data signals;

compressing the incoming voice signals to digitized data packets when the incoming voice signals are uncompressed;

packaging the compressed digitized voice packets into a format compatible with web protocols;

bridging the incoming data signals to digitized data packets when the incoming digitized data signals are compressed;

packaging the bridged digitized data packets into a format compatible with web protocols;

combining the formatted digitized data packets into first long frames;

transmitting the first long frames over a data network,

receiving the first long frames in a central node switch;

disassembling the formatted data packets from the first long frames;

assembling the disassembled data packets into second long frames; and

transmitting the second long frames to switches.